

# **Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee (LPAC)**

## **(Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee)**

### **Member Biographies**

#### **As of January 16, 2014**

#### **Government**

Committee Requirement: Five individuals selected from departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government and of the States. Two individuals must be State commissioners.

**Massoud Tahamtani** is the Director, Division of Utility and Railroad Safety for the Virginia State Corporation Commission. He manages the Commission's Gas and Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Program, the Rail Safety Program, and the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Program. Mr. Tahamtani is the past national chair of the National Association of Pipeline Safety Representatives (NAPSR), a member of the NAPSR Grant Allocation Committee, and a former member of the NAPSR Legislative Committee. He served a prior term with the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee in 1997. Mr. Tahamtani represented the States on the Federal Government's Damage Prevention Quality Action Team and on the Linking Team of the "Common Ground, Study of One-Call Systems and Damage Prevention Best Practices" study. In 2005, he chaired the Excavation Damage Prevention Team set up by the Office of Pipeline Safety, the gas industry, and the States, to conduct a study directed by Congress to improve the safety of gas distribution systems in the Nation. He has served on the board of the Common Ground Alliance since 1997.

**There are currently four government member vacancies (two Commissioners) on this Committee.**

#### **Industry**

Committee Requirement: Five individuals selected from industry. Three must be actively operating hazardous liquid pipelines. One must have education or experience in risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis. The American Petroleum Institute and the Association of Oil Pipe Lines Industry recommended the industry representatives.

**C. Todd Denton** is President of Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC. Before, he was Vice President, Pipeline and Terminal Operations for NuStar Energy where he was responsible for NuStar Energy's domestic liquids pipelines and independent terminal businesses, including approximately 9,000 miles of crude oil, refined products, and ammonia pipelines, as well as 60 terminals. He has 20 years of experience in the industry, beginning his career as a project engineer for Diamond Shamrock. He later moved into engineering management positions with UDS Pipeline and Valero LP and has

been in operations management for the past 4 years, during which time Valero LP became NuStar Energy.

Mr. Denton is a member of the Association of Oil Pipelines and serves as chair of the Government Affairs Committee. In addition, he is NuStar Energy's, Principal Representative to the American Petroleum Institute.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Texas Tech University and a Master's Degree in Finance and Economics from West Texas A&M University.

**Ms. Michele Joy** is the General Manager, Pipeline Growth, Supply and Distribution, and Vice President, Shell Pipeline Company, L.P. Michele also serves on the Shell Pipeline Leadership Team, which has been particularly focused on personal and process safety improvements. Michele is currently responsible for delivering major new onshore and offshore pipeline projects, including the recently announced Ho-Ho reversal and Westward Ho pipeline between Texas and Louisiana, as well as the off-shore extensions to the Mars and Amberjack pipeline systems, which are under construction. Michele has been with Shell Pipeline since 2006, where she has also served as the Manager of Joint Interest Pipelines and the General Manager for Business Development.

Prior to joining Shell, Michele was the General Counsel for the Association of Oil Pipe Lines from 1991 to 2006. In that role, she was heavily involved in the industry's and regulators' joint work to simplify economic regulation at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and to improve pipeline safety, especially pipeline integrity and eliminating outside force damage.

Michele also served 5 years as an adjunct professor at Northwestern University's Transportation Institute and spent 8 years in private practice with a focus in gas and electric regulation and international law.

She received a Bachelor of Arts in French from Carleton College and a Juris Doctorate from American University.

**Timothy C. Felt** is president and chief executive officer for Colonial Pipeline Company in Alpharetta, Georgia. In his current role, Mr. Felt oversees the operation of the world's largest refined products common carrier pipeline system. Prior to assuming this position, he served as the president and chief executive officer of Explorer Pipeline Company in Tulsa, Oklahoma and as vice president of Mobil Pipe Line Company in Dallas, Texas (where his responsibilities included serving as president of Wolverine Pipeline Company, Collins Pipeline Company, and T&M Terminal Company). He is currently a director on the board for the International Foundation of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers and a member of the American Petroleum Institute (API) as well as past chair of the API Pipeline Committee. He is also a member of the Association of Oil Pipelines and the Common Ground Alliance. Mr. Felt graduated from the U.S. Military Academy

at West Point and received his master's in business administration from Pepperdine University in California.

**Mr. Ronald G. McClain** is vice president of engineering and operations for Kinder Morgan Energy Partners-Products Pipelines. In his current role, he oversees the operation of 9,000 miles of refined product pipelines. His responsibilities include oversight of engineering operations, pipeline design, integrity management, new construction and environmental health and safety. Prior to assuming his current role, Mr. McClain served as vice president of engineering and technical services for Kinder Morgan, Incorporated natural gas pipelines. He has over 37 years of experience in pipeline operations and engineering with Kinder Morgan and its predecessor companies including the Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America. Mr. McClain has extensive experience within the disciplines of communications, automation and control, compression and gas measurement.

Mr. McClain graduated from Aurora University with a bachelor's degree in computer science. Mr. McClain is a member of the Board of Directors for the Common Ground Alliance, representing the oil stakeholder group. He also serves as Treasurer and Board Liaison to the Best Practices Committee. He created and runs a "Right of Way College" to train damage prevention professionals. As a member of the American Petroleum Institute (API) and the Association of Oil Pipelines (AOPL), he leads the Performance Excellence Team (PET) with a focus of continuous improvement for the industry, especially in damage prevention, integrity management and most recently, development of pipeline oriented management systems documentation. Mr. McClain is also President of the Board of Directors for Pregnancy Assistance Center North (PACN). The PACN is a 501 3(c) charity designed to provide support to pregnant women. He has worked with PACN for more than 6 years.

**Craig O. Pierson** is President, Marathon Pipe Line LLC. Before, he worked as Vice President of Operations and in various other operations management positions for Marathon. His responsibilities included oversight of the Gulf Coast operations and the commissioning and the start-up of Centennial Pipeline. He was Operations Manager and Facilities Design Manager for a two-phase development of the Sakhalin Project, which included the offshore and onshore production facilities and pipelines and the oil export terminal. He has worked in various locations in the U.S. and overseas (Syria and Russia).

## **Public**

Committee Requirement: Five individuals selected from the public. Two of the individuals selected must have education, background, or experience in environmental protection or public safety, and one must have education, background, or experience in risk assessment and cost-benefit analysis. No public member may have a significant financial interest in the petroleum or natural gas pipeline industry. One public member must have no financial interest in the pipeline industry.

**Lanny W. Armstrong** is Fire Chief for the City of Pasadena, Fire Services Department. He began his career in firefighting with the Houston Fire Department (HFD) achieving the rank of Senior Captain in a career spanning from 1978-2001. After retiring from HFD, he entered the private sector and became the regional manager for Alert Disaster Control for the company's locations in North, Central and South America, Western Europe and Western Africa. Alert Disaster Control is an international emergency response and integrated risk management solution service company.

Mr. Armstrong was appointed as Fire Chief of the Pasadena Fire Department in August of 2006. The Pasadena Fire Department consists of 200 volunteers, serving a population of approximately 150,000 citizens, covering 52 square miles with over 40 pieces of apparatus operating from nine fire stations located throughout the city. The Pasadena Fire Department remains the largest single municipal volunteer fire department in the United States.

**Robert W. Hill** is the Planning, Zoning and Drainage Director for Brookings County, SD, a position he has held since March 2003. He is also a Brookings County, SD, Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Member, Brookings, SD 1999 to the present, and LEPC Chairman 2008 to present.

He served on the Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance (PIPA) Task Team from 2008 to 2009 and received a Demonstration Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) to write a Transmission Pipeline Risk Reduction Overlay District section for the Brookings County Zoning Ordinance. He has also been a member of PHSMA's Technical Assistance Grant Review Team for 2009 to 2011.

He is a Board member of the National Association of County Planners (NACP) which is an affiliate of the National Association of Counties (NACo), American Planning Association (APA), South Dakota Planners Association (SDPA) and the South Dakota Emergency Management Association (SDEMA).

He earned a Master's Degree in Geography from South Dakota State University and is retired from the US Army.

**Richard B. Kuprewicz** is President, Accufacts, Incorporated. He has over 30 years of experience in the energy industry, including gas and liquid pipeline operation, design, siting, engineering, regulatory compliance, emergency response, safety and risk management. His special focus is on proper design and operation in areas of unique population density or of an environmentally sensitive nature. He is a certified safety management engineer and he has developed and performed safety and risk management and assessment analysis for various clients representing chemical plants, LNG facilities, refineries and pipelines. He is a member of the Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety.

**Charles (Chuck) Lesniak, III** is an Environmental Officer for the City of Austin, Texas. Mr. Lesniak was appointed to this position by the Austin City Manager and is responsible for ensuring that environmental protection is given the highest priority in public and private development. His most recent experience relevant to transmission pipelines is a review of the National Environmental Protection Act assessment of the Longhorn pipeline conversion

Mr. Lesniak first addressed local pipeline topics in 1999 when he worked on the City's environmental and safety concerns related to the Longhorn Pipeline. Since that time he has worked with Kinder Morgan, Magellan, and other pipeline operators on the local level. Prior to appointment as the Environmental Officer, he worked in a variety of environmental positions with the City of Austin including hazardous spills and complaints investigation, large remediation project management, regulation and policy development, expert witness in various city legal issues, evaluation of environmental threats from hazardous liquids transmission pipelines and large municipal landfills, and Endangered Species Act compliance. Mr. Lesniak represented the National League of Cities on the Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance. Mr. Lesniak holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Aquatic Biology from the University of Texas at Austin.

**Carl M. Weimer** is the Executive Director of the Pipeline Safety Trust. He is the Chairman of the Governor appointed Washington State Citizens Committee on Pipeline Safety. Mr. Weimer testified before the U.S. House of Representatives and to the U.S. Senate on pipeline safety issues. He organized a National Pipeline Reform Conference in Washington DC and advocated for stronger pipeline safety legislation on the National and State level. Mr. Weimer regularly serves as an independent source of pipeline safety information for news media around the country.

**There is one public member vacancy.**